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Columbia County 2005 County Adult Health Survey

Introduction

What is the County Adult Health Survey?

The national focus on improving the health of American citizens has also become a major focus for local communities.¹ As a result, health-related data is needed by state, county, and local agencies for developing health-promotion programs and to efficiently target health dollars. The **County Adult Health Survey** is used by **Hometown Health Improvement** to collect, evaluate, and monitor personal risk behaviors that affect the health of adults in Arkansas communities. The survey uses questions from the **Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System** survey (BRFSS), developed by the Centers for Disease Control.²

What is Hometown Health Improvement?

Hometown Health Improvement is a grassroots initiative that stresses cooperative action and creative solutions at the local level to identify community health problems, and to develop and implement ways to solve them.

This goal is accomplished through cooperation, coalition building, community health assessment, prioritization of health issues, and the development and implementation of health-improving strategies designed and sustained locally.

As part of this initiative, Columbia County conducted the County Adult Health Survey using questions from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS).

¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Healthy People 2010. Atlanta, Georgia. http://www.healthypeople.gov

² Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. About BRFSS. Atlanta, Georgia. http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/brfss/about.htm

What is the BRFSS?

The BRFSS is a survey developed to help states collect and monitor state level information on the major behaviors that can affect the health of their adults. It was developed in the 1980s by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention after research showed that personal health behaviors play an important role in premature death and illness. Primarily, the survey focuses on behaviors that are linked to the leading causes of death (heart disease, cancer, stroke, diabetes and injury) and other important health issues. The specific behaviors included in the survey are the following:

- Not getting enough physical activity,
- Being overweight,
- Not using seatbelts,
- Using tobacco and alcohol, and
- Not getting preventive medical care (e.g. flu shots, mammograms, Pap smears, colorectal exams).

How is the BRFSS used?

State and local health departments in all 50 states rely heavily on BRFSS data to do the following:

- Determine priority health issues and identify populations at highest risk,
- Develop strategic plans to improve community health and target prevention programs,
- Monitor the effectiveness of intervention strategies to improve health and progress toward meeting disease prevention goals,
- Educate the public, the health community, and policymakers about disease prevention, and
- Support community policies that promote health and prevent disease.

BRFSS information is also used by researchers, voluntary, organizations and professional managed care organizations to target prevention efforts. Recognizing the value of such a system in addressing priority health issues in the coming century, China, Canada, and other countries have looked to CDC for assistance in establishing BRFSS-like systems for their own populations.

The ability to determine which population groups have the greatest health risk factors is essential in effectively targeting scarce prevention resources. BRFSS data can be analyzed by a variety of demographic and economic variables such as age, education, income, and racial and ethnic background to determine which populations are at highest risk in a community.

How did Columbia County conduct the County Adult Health Survey?

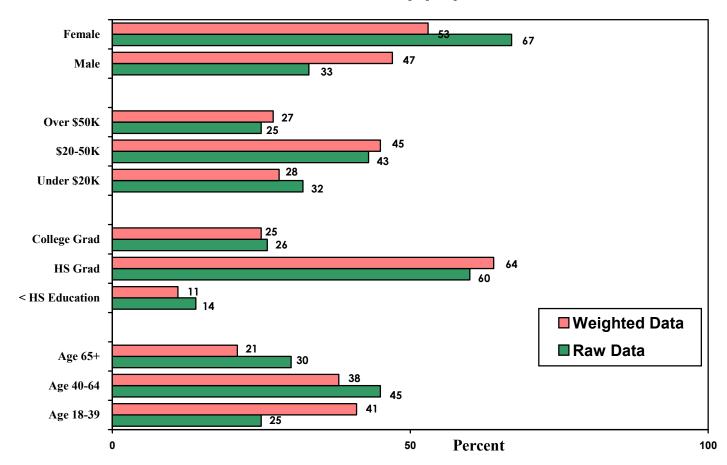
During July and August of 2005, a telephone survey of 851 randomly selected adults in Columbia County was conducted. Telephone interviews were carried out and supervised by trained telephone research interviewers in the Institute of Government at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Who participated in the Columbia County County Adult Health Survey?

Of the 851 people who were interviewed, 285 were men and 566 were women. The following chart summarizes the demographics of survey participants showing both raw numbers and weighted data. The raw data are the data collected from the sample of persons interviewed. The weighted data are the collected survey data (raw data) that have been adjusted to represent the total population from which the sample was drawn.

All analyses presented in the report are based on the <u>weighted</u> data. All percentages presented in this report are rounded to the nearest whole percent.

Characteristics of the Columbia County population



Risk Factors

Health Status ~ General Health

The survey asked respondents to rate their general, physical, and mental health status.

Risk Factor Definition: General health

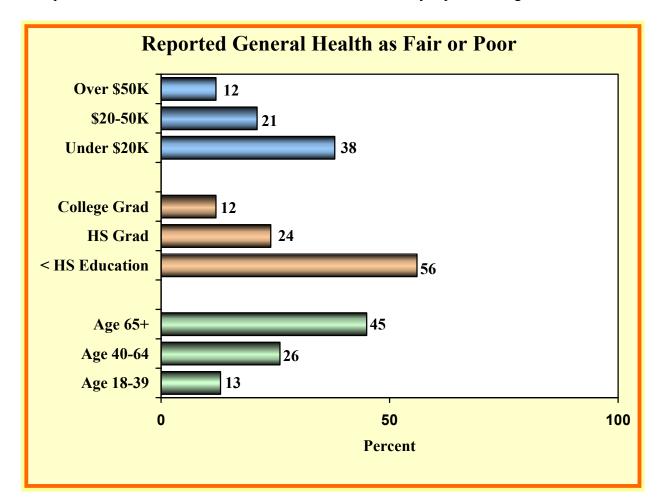
Question: Would you say that your general health is "excellent," "very good," "good," "fair," or

"poor?"

At Risk: Respondents who answered "fair" or "poor" are considered at risk.

Who is at risk in Columbia County?

Twenty-four percent (24%) characterized their general health as fair or poor. Younger respondents and those respondents with more income or education were more likely report better general health.



Health Status ~ Physical Health

Risk Factor Definition: Physical health

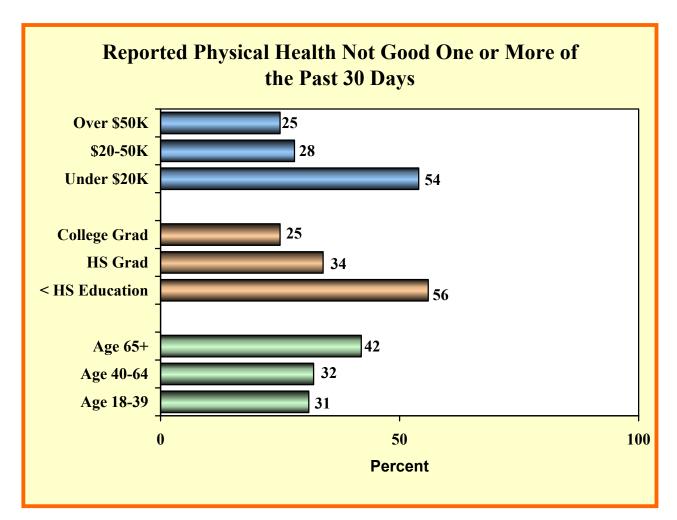
Question: Now thinking about your physical health, which includes physical illness and injury, for

how many days during the past 30 days was your physical health not good?

At Risk: Having one or more self-reported days of "not good" physical health.

Who is at risk in Columbia County?

Thirty-four percent (34%) of Columbia County adults had at least one day a month of poor physical health. According to the survey, the average Columbia County adult had 4.86 days of bad health and 4.94 days each month when health problems interfered with usual activities. Older respondents and those respondents with less income or education were more likely to be affected by poor health.



Health Status ~ Mental Health

Risk Factor Definition: Mental health

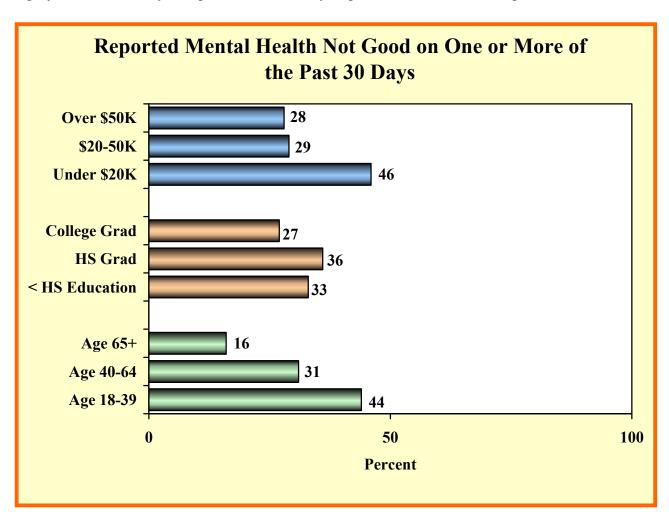
Mental health includes stress, depression and problems with emotions.

Question: How many days during the past 30 days was your mental health not good?

At Risk: Having one or more self-reported days of "not good" mental health.

Who is at risk in Columbia County?

Thirty-three percent (33%) of the respondents had at least one day of poor mental health in the past month. The average Columbia County adult had 4.38 days each month of poor mental health. Respondents with an annual household income of less than \$20,000 and respondents in the lowest age category were most likely to report at least one day of poor mental health in the past month.



Health Care Access

The survey asked if respondents had health insurance and about barriers to getting insurance.

Risk Factor Definition: No health insurance

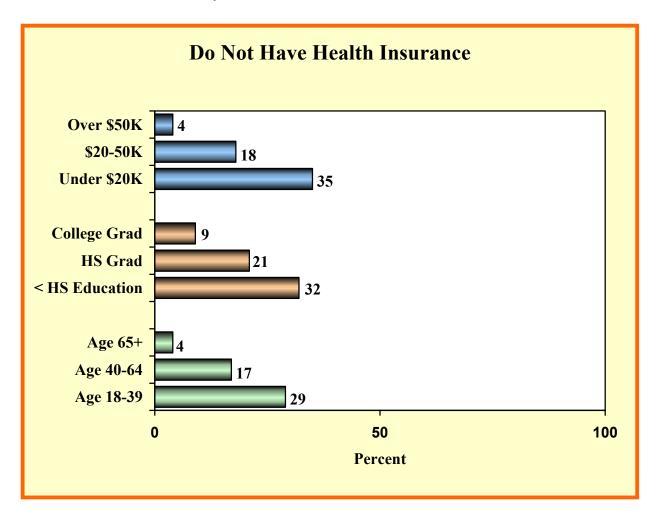
Question: Do you have any kind of health care coverage, including health insurance, prepaid plans

such as HMOs, or government plans such as Medicare?

At Risk: Respondents who answered "no" are considered at risk.

Who is at risk in Columbia County?

Nineteen percent (19%) said they didn't have health insurance, with younger respondents and those with less education or income less likely to be insured.



Hypertension

Risk Factor Definition: Have high blood pressure

Questions: Have you ever been told by a doctor, nurse, or other health professional that you have

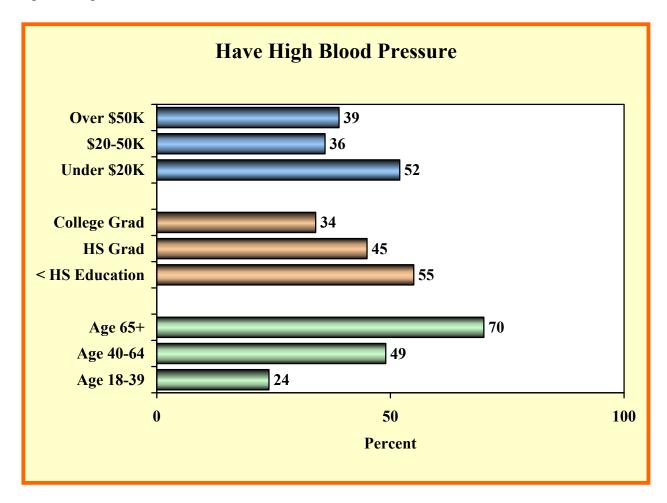
high blood pressure?

Are you currently taking medicine for your high blood pressure?

At Risk: Those who answered "yes" are considered at risk.

Who is at risk in Columbia County?

Forty-three percent (43%) of Columbia County adults have been given a hypertension diagnosis by a doctor. Older respondents and those with fewer years of education were more likely to report having high blood pressure. Also, respondents in the lowest income category were most likely to report having high blood pressure.



Cholesterol

Risk Factor Definition: Have not had blood cholesterol checked in past two years

Blood cholesterol is a fatty substance found in the blood.

Questions:

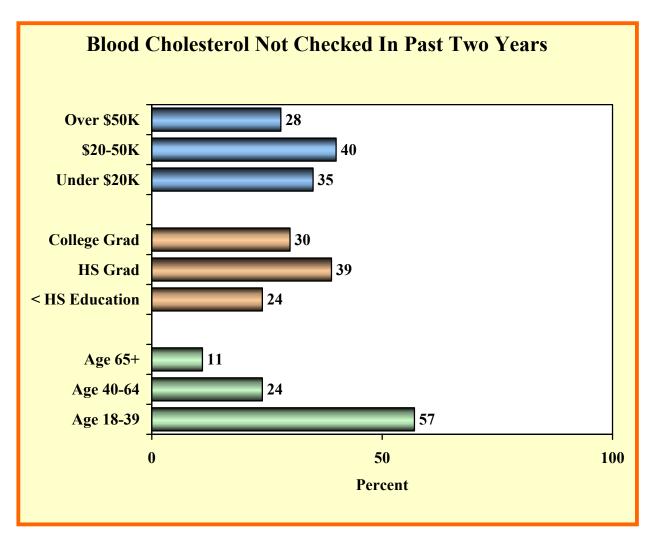
- 1. Have you ever had your blood cholesterol checked?
- 2. About how long has it been since you had your blood cholesterol checked?

At Risk:

Those who have not had their blood cholesterol checked within the past 2 years are considered at risk.

Who is at risk in Columbia County?

Thirty-five percent (35%) of Columbia County adults had not had their blood cholesterol tested within the past 2 years. Younger respondents were far less likely than any other age category of respondents to have had their blood cholesterol tested within the past two years.



Cholesterol

Risk Factor Definition: Blood cholesterol level

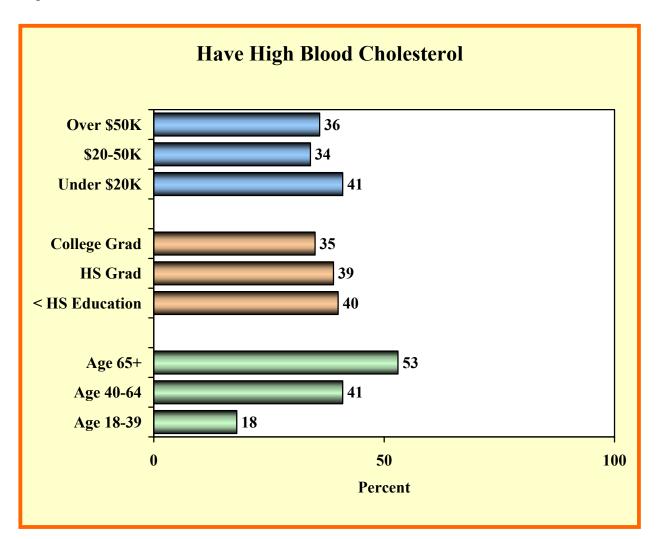
Question: Have you ever been told by a doctor, nurse, or other health professional that your blood

cholesterol is high?

At Risk: Those who answered "yes" are considered at risk.

Who is at risk in Columbia County?

Thirty-eight percent (38%) of Columbia County adults have been given a high blood cholesterol diagnosis by a doctor. The oldest respondents were most likely to report a high blood cholesterol diagnosis than others.



Asthma

Risk Factor Definition: Have asthma

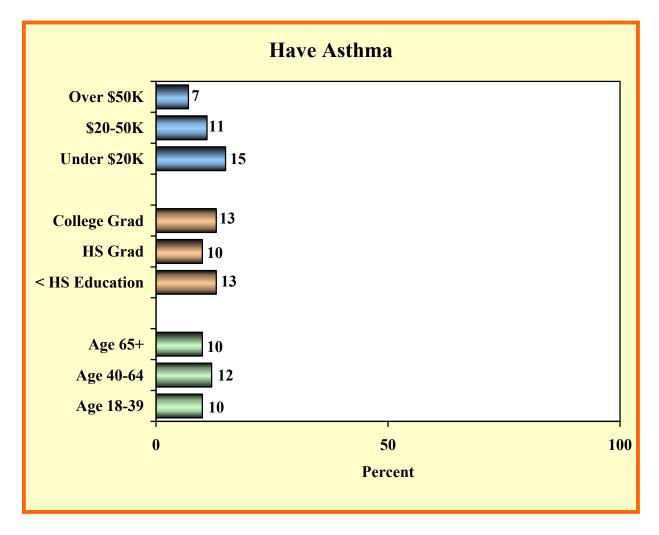
Question: Have you ever been told by a doctor, nurse, or other health professional that you had

asthma?

At Risk: Those who said "yes" are considered at risk.

Who is at risk in Columbia County?

Eleven percent (11%) said they had been told by a doctor that they have asthma. Respondents in the least annual household income category were most likely to report an asthma diagnosis than those in the middle and upper income categories. Those respondents with less than a high school education and those with a college education had higher reports of an asthma diagnosis than those with a high school education. Similarly, the lowest and highest age categories had slightly lower reports of an asthma diagnosis than those in the middle age category.



Diabetes

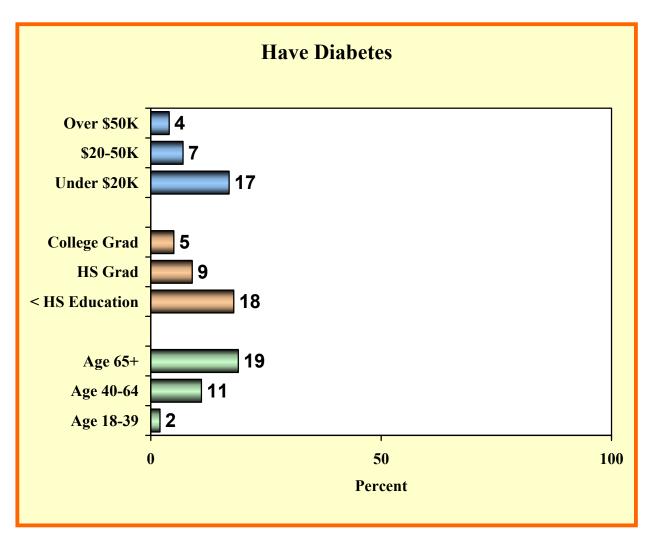
Risk Factor Definition: Have diabetes

Question: Have you ever been told by a doctor that you have diabetes?

At Risk: Those who answered "yes" are considered at risk.

Who is at risk in Columbia County?

Nine percent (9%) of Columbia County adults had been given a diabetes diagnosis by a doctor. Older respondents, those with lower income and with fewer years of education were more likely to report a diabetes diagnosis than others.



Arthritis

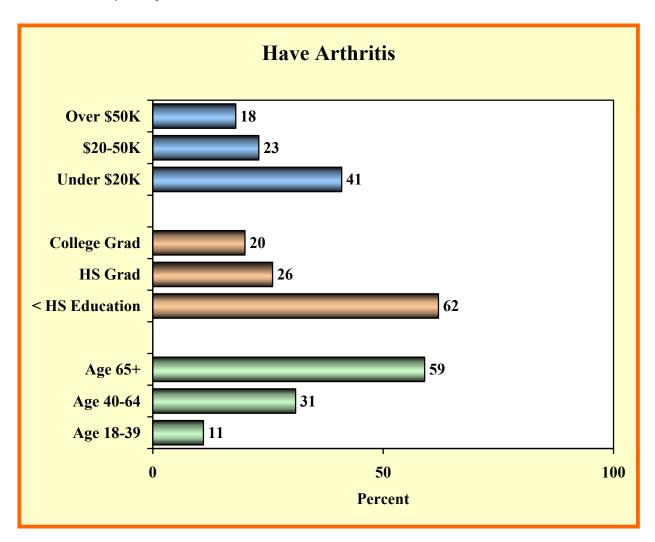
Risk Factor Definition: Have arthritis

Question: Have you ever been told by a doctor that you have arthritis?

At Risk: Those who answered "yes" are considered at risk.

Who is at risk in Columbia County?

Twenty-nine percent (29%) of Columbia County adults have been given an arthritis diagnosis by a doctor. Older respondents, those with fewer years of education or with lower annual household income were more likely to report arthritis than others.



Arthritis

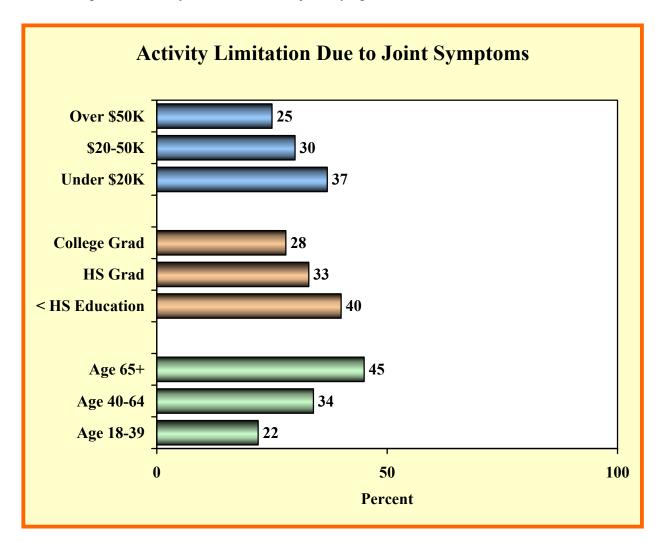
Risk Factor Definition: Have activity limitations due to joint symptoms

Question: Are you now limited in any way in any activities because of joint symptoms?

At Risk: Those who answered "yes" are considered at risk.

Who is at risk in Columbia County?

Thirty-three percent (33%) of Columbia County adults indicated a limitation in activities due to joint symptoms. Older respondents, those with lower income and with less education were more likely than others to report an activity limitation due to joint symptoms.



Colorectal Cancer Screening

Risk Factor Definition: Over age 50 and never been screened

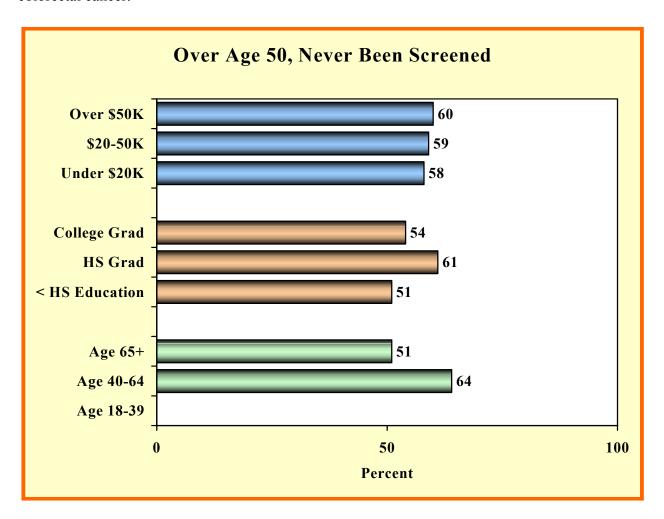
Sigmoidoscopy and colonoscopy are exams in which a tube is inserted into the rectum to view the bowel for signs of cancer or other health problems.

Question: Have you ever had these exams?

At Risk: Those aged 50 and older who answered "no" are considered at risk.

Who is at risk in Columbia County?

Fifty-eight percent (58%) of Columbia County adults over the age of 50 have never been screened for colorectal cancer.



Prostate Cancer Screening

Risk Factor Definition: Male, over age 40, and not screened within the past year

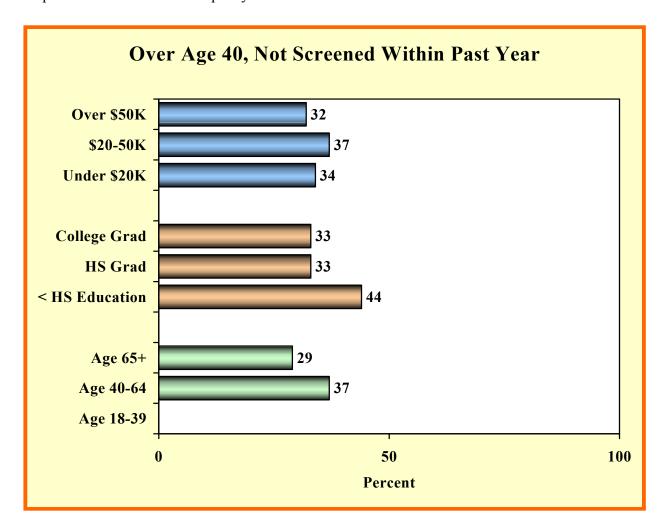
A Prostate-Specific Antigen test, also called a PSA test, is a blood test used to check men for prostate cancer. A digital rectal exam is an exam in which a doctor, nurse, or other health professional places a gloved finger into the rectum to feel the size, shape, and hardness of the prostate gland.

Question: Have you ever had these exams?

At Risk: Those aged 40 and older who answered "no" are considered at risk.

Who is at risk in Columbia County?

Thirty-four percent (34%) of Columbia County males over age 40 indicated they had not been screened for prostate cancer within the past year.



Immunization

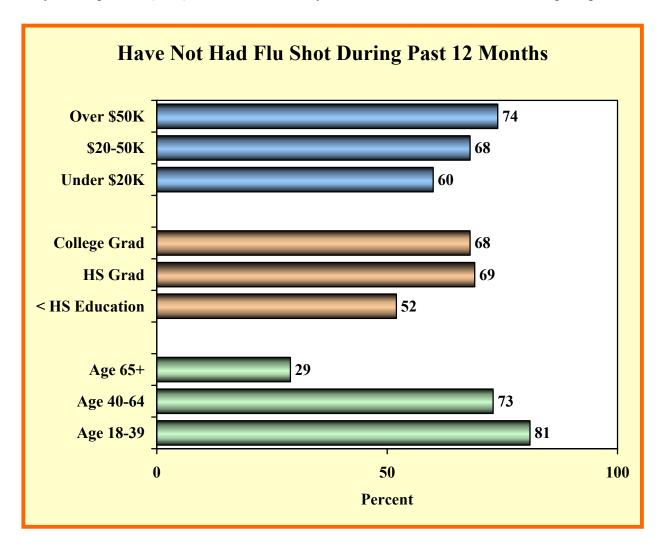
Risk Factor Definition: No influenza shot within past 12 months

Question: During the past 12 months, have you had a flu shot?

At Risk: Those who answered "No" are considered at risk.

Who is at risk in Columbia County?

Sixty-seven percent (67%) of Columbia County adults have not had a flu shot during the past 12 months.



Physical Activity

Risk Factor Definition: Do not participate in regular physical activity

Questions: 1. During the past 30 days, other than your regular job, did you participate in any physical

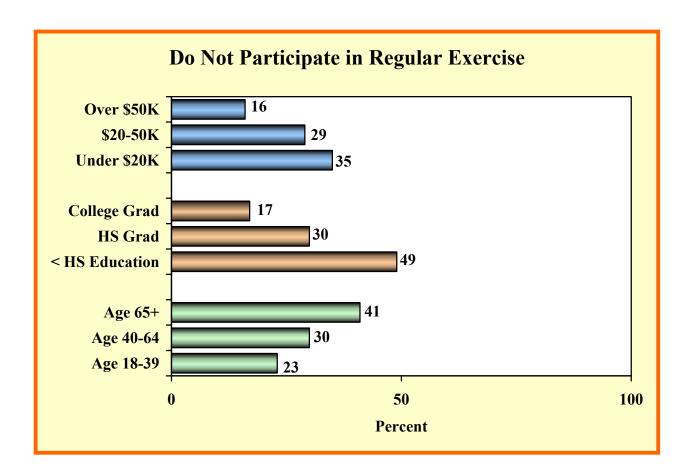
activities or exercises such as running, calisthenics, golf, gardening, or walking for

exercise?

At Risk: Those who do not participate in physical activity on a regular basis are at risk.

Who is at risk in Columbia County?

Twenty-nine percent (29%) of Columbia County's adult residents did not participate in regular physical activity during the past month. Younger respondents and those with more education or income were more likely to get regular exercise.



Overweight

Risk Factor Definition: Overweight as measured by Body Mass Index (BMI)

Questions: 1. How much do you weigh without shoes?

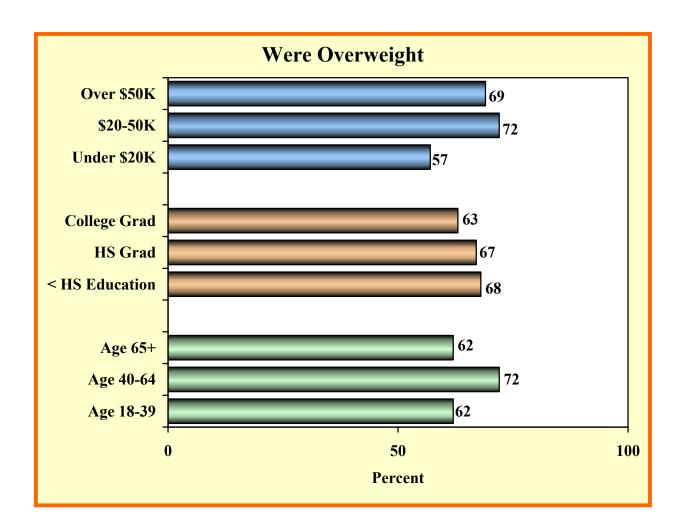
2. How tall are you without shoes?

At Risk: Those with a Body Mass Index (BMI) of greater than 25.0 are overweight. BMI is a ratio

of weight to height.

Who is at risk in Columbia County?

Sixty-six percent (66%) of Columbia County's adults are overweight.



Disability

Survey respondents were asked about health problems or impairments they had relating to general activity limitations.

Risk Factor Definition: Activity limitations

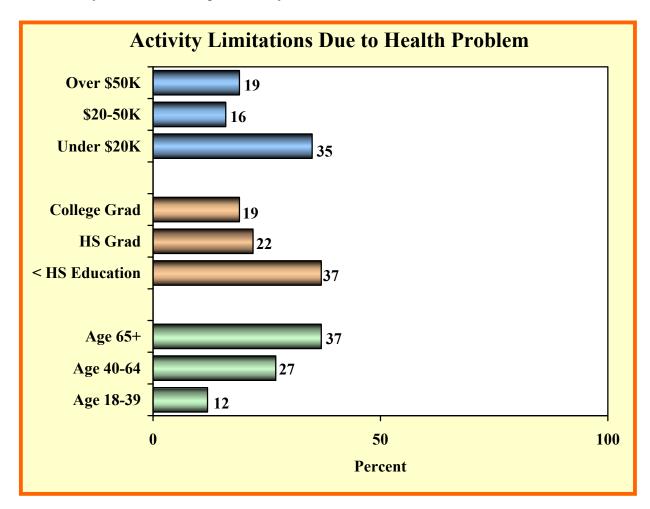
Questions: Are you limited in any way in any activities because of physical, mental, or emotional

problems?

At Risk: Those who answered "yes" are considered at risk.

Who is at risk in Columbia County?

Twenty-three percent (23%) of the adults in Columbia County reported that they had some activity limitations caused by a health condition. Older respondents and those with lower levels of education were more likely than others to report activity limitations.



Alcohol Consumption

Risk Factor Definition: Binge Drinking

Question: Considering all types of alcoholic beverages, how many times during the past month did

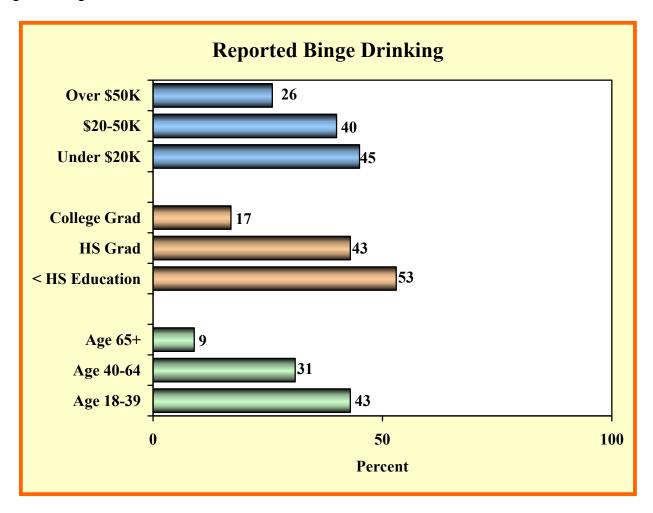
you have five or more drinks on one occasion?

At Risk: Those who had five or more drinks in a row on one or more occasions during the past

month are considered at risk.

Who is at risk in Columbia County?

Of those who reported drinking at least once in the past thirty days, 36% said they had consumed five or more drinks on at least one occasion in the past month. Younger people were more likely to report binge drinking.



Tobacco Use

Questions regarding cigarette smoking, attempts to quit smoking, smoking in the household, and other uses of tobacco were asked as part of the Columbia County Adult Health Survey.

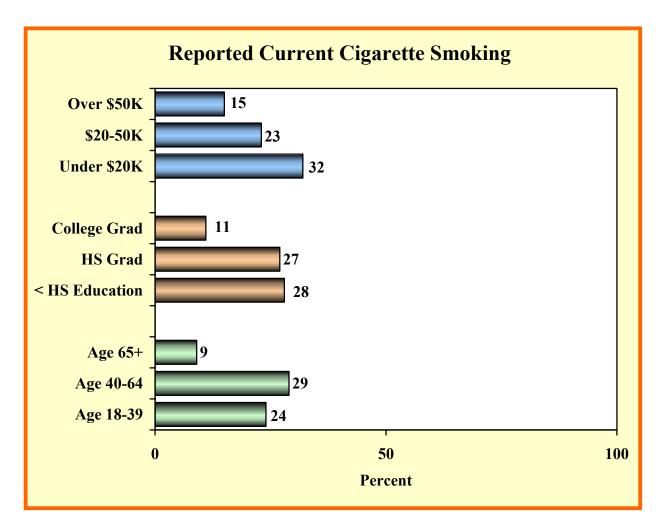
Risk Factor Definition: Currently smoke cigarettes

Question: Do you smoke cigarettes every day, some days, or not at all?

At Risk: Those who answered "every day" or "some days" are considered at risk.

Who is at risk in Columbia County?

Twenty-three percent (23%) of the adults in Columbia County had smoked cigarettes in the past month. Respondents in the 65+ age category were least likely than the other age categories to be current smokers. Also, respondents in the lowest annual income category (under \$20,000) were most likely to be current smokers.



Cigarette Smoking Cessation

Risk Factor Definition: Smoking cessation

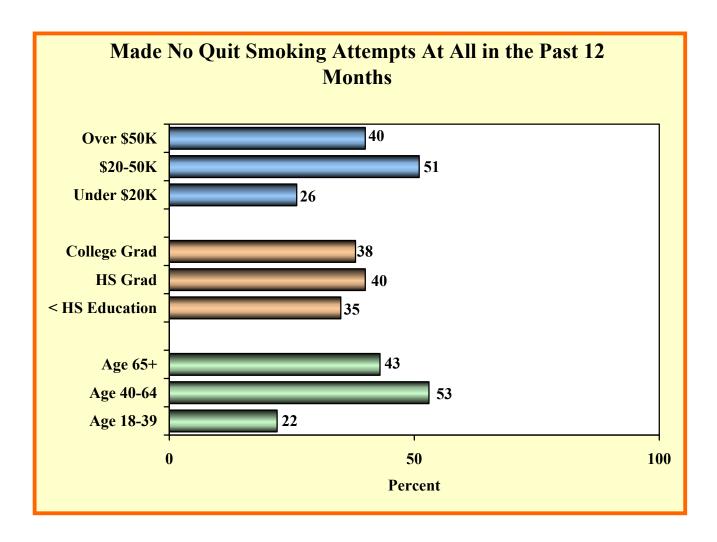
Question: During the past 12 months, have you quit smoking for one day or longer?

At Risk: Of those who smoked in the past month, people who answered "no" are considered at risk

for continued cigarette smoking.

Who is at risk in Columbia County?

Of the current adult smokers in Columbia County, 39% had not quit for at least one day in the past year. Respondents in the 40-64 age category were most likely to have made no attempt to stop smoking in the past 12 months.



Cigar Smoking

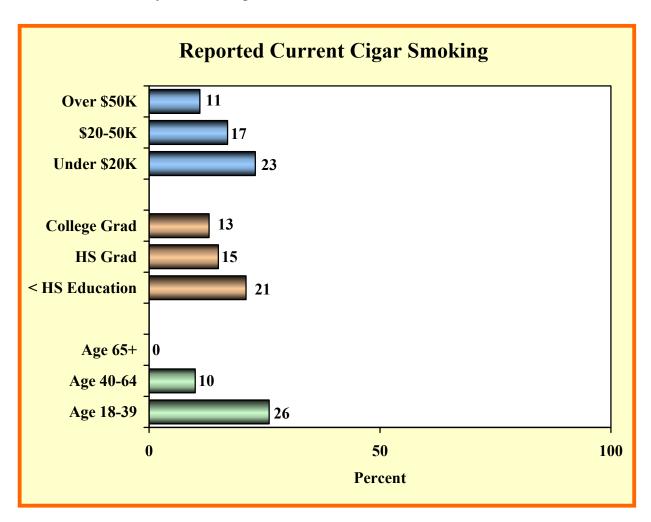
Risk Factor Definition: Currently smoke cigars

Question: Do you smoke cigars every day, some days, or not at all?

At Risk: Those who answered "every day" or "some days" are considered at risk.

Who is at risk in Columbia County?

Fifteen percent (15%) of the adults in Columbia County had smoked cigars in the past month. People under the age of 65, those with household income of less than \$20,000, and with less than a high school education were most likely to smoke cigars.



Pipes

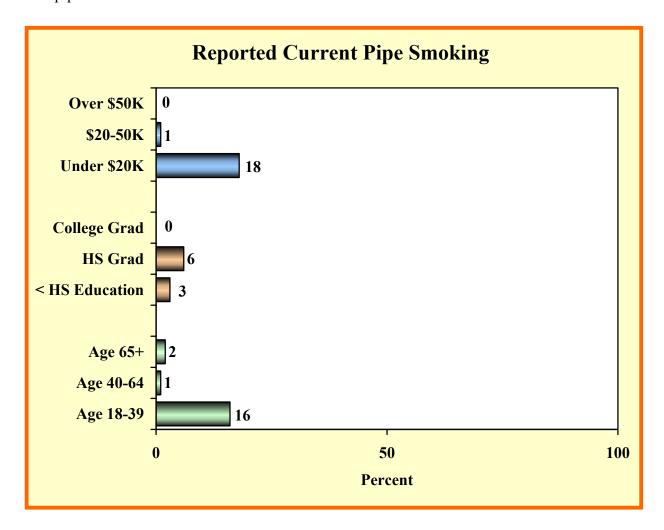
Risk Factor Definition: Smoking a pipe

Question: Do you now smoke a pipe every day, some days, or not at all?

At Risk: Those who answered "every day" or "some days" are considered at risk.

Who is at risk in Columbia County?

Four percent (4%) of the adults in Columbia County had smoked a pipe in the past month. Respondents under the age of 40 and those with an annual household income under \$20,000 were most likely to smoke a pipe.



Smoking in Home

Risk Factor Definition: Smoking is allowed in the home

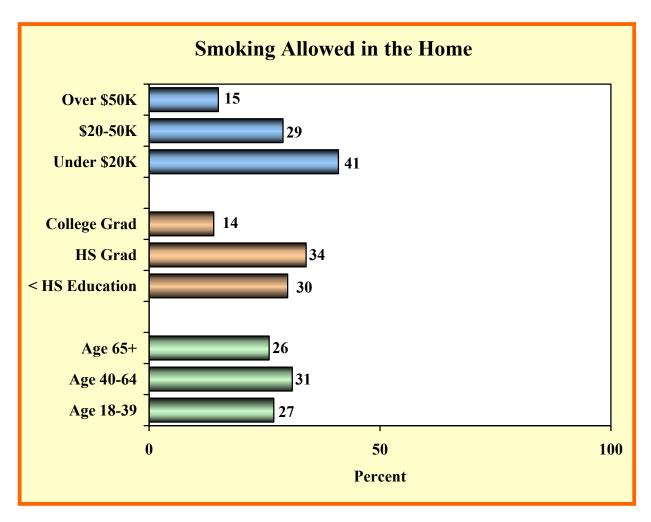
Question: Which statement best describes the rules of smoking inside your home?

At Risk: Respondents who did not indicate that smoking is not allowed anywhere inside the home

are considered at risk.

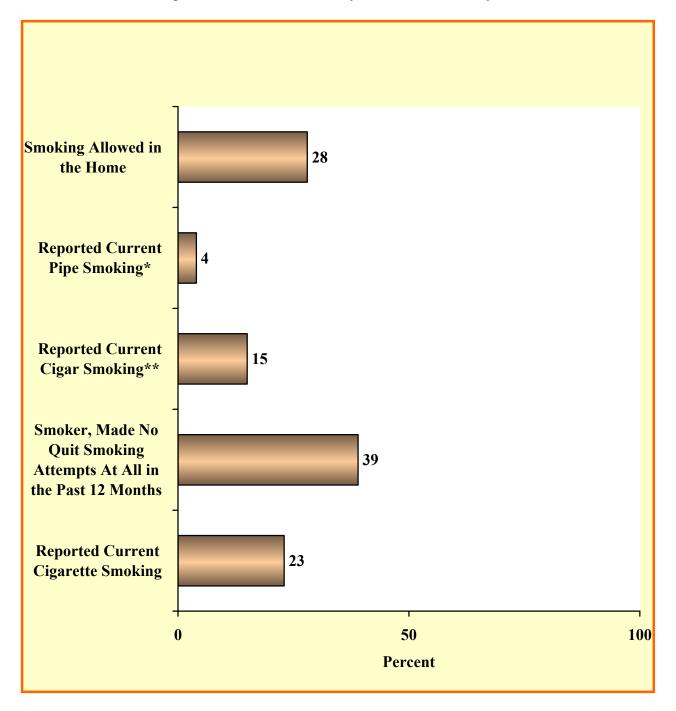
Who is at risk in Columbia County?

Twenty-eight percent (28%) of the adults in Columbia County indicated that smoking is allowed inside their home. Respondents with less than a high school education and those with lower incomes were most likely to live in homes where smoking is allowed.



Tobacco Use Summary

Questions regarding cigarette smoking, attempts to quit smoking, smoking in the home, and other tobacco use were asked as part of the Columbia County Adult Health Survey.



^{*}Of those who have ever tried smoking tobacco in a pipe, even one or two puffs
**Of those who have ever tried smoking a cigar, even one or two puffs

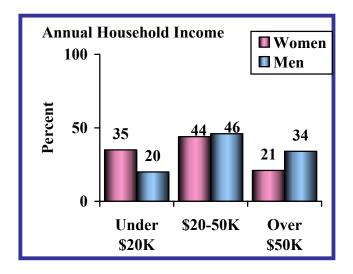
Women's Health & Risk Factors

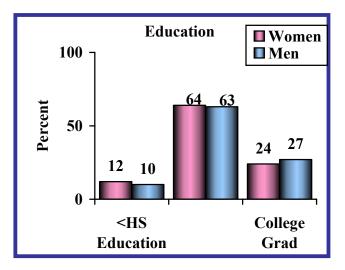
Women's Health

Demographics

Number of persons surveyed		
Male	Female	Total surveyed
285	566	851

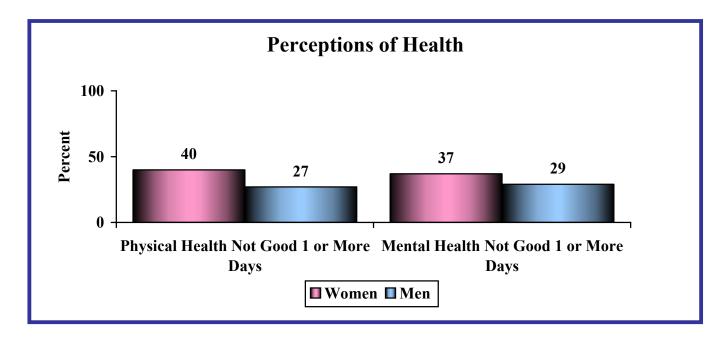
Economic Characteristics



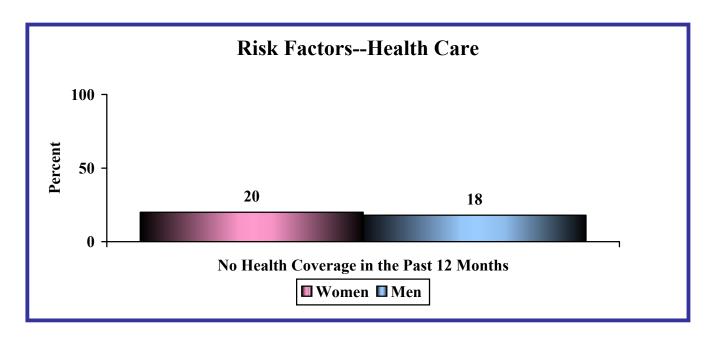


Women and Behavioral Risk Factors

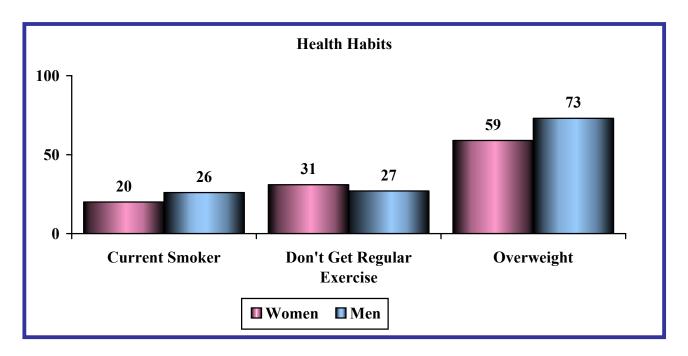
In addition to the standard BRFSS questions, the survey for Columbia County included questions related to women's health issues. Disparities between women's and men's health exist for various risk factors. Self-reported perceptions of health, utilization of preventative health care and health screenings, and personal risk behaviors for men and women in Columbia County were compared.



Women were more likely than men to report that their physical health and their mental health had been "not good" on one or more days during the past month.



Columbia County women were more likely than the men to have had no health coverage in the past 12 months.



Columbia County men were more likely than Columbia County women to be smokers and overweight, but also more likely to get regular exercise.

Breast Cancer Screening and Knowledge

Risk Factor Definition: Women aged 40 and older, no mammograms within the past two years

A mammogram is an x-ray of each breast to look for breast cancer.

Question: Have you ever had a mammogram?

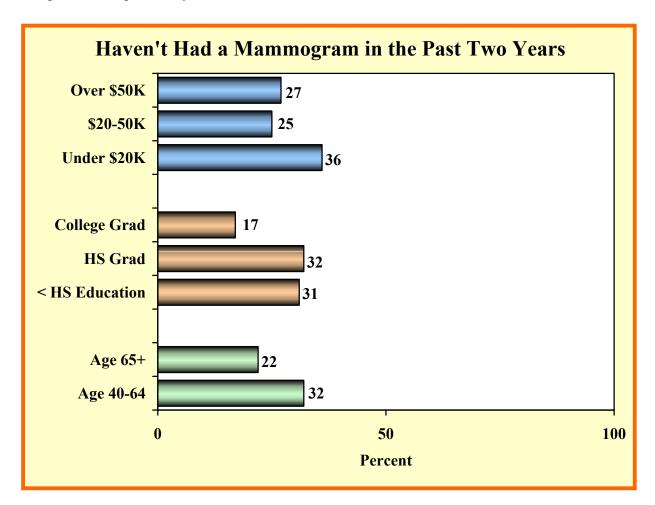
How long has it been since your last mammogram?

At Risk: Women 40 and older who haven't had a mammogram in the past two years are

considered at risk.

Who is at risk in Columbia County?

Twenty-eight percent (28%) of women over age 40 had not had a mammogram within the past two years. Women in the lowest income category were most likely report that they had not received a screening test in the past two years.



Pap Smears

Risk Factor Definition: No pap smear within the past three years

A Pap smear is a test for cancer of the cervix.

Question: Have you ever had a Pap smear?

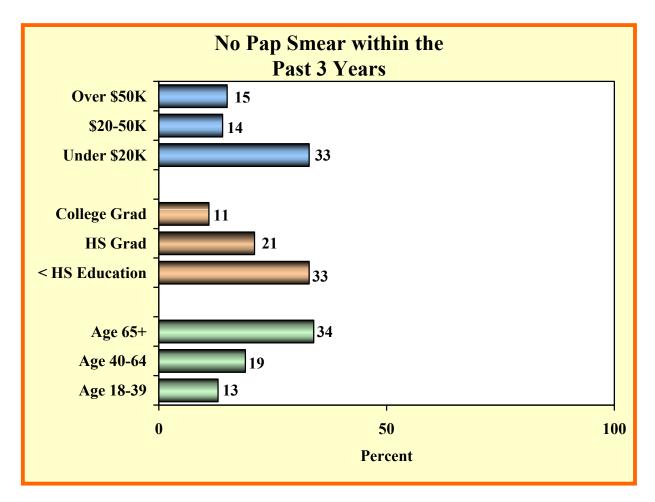
How long has it been since your last Pap smear?

At Risk: Women 18 or older with an intact uterus who have not had a Pap smear within the past

three years are considered at risk.

Who is at risk in Columbia County?

Twenty percent (20%) of Columbia County adult women had not had a Pap smear within the past three years. Women with lowest income category, those in the oldest age category and those with the least number of years of education were least likely than others to have had a pap smear in the past three years.

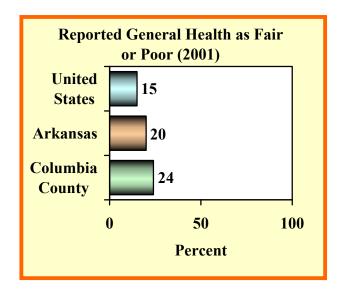


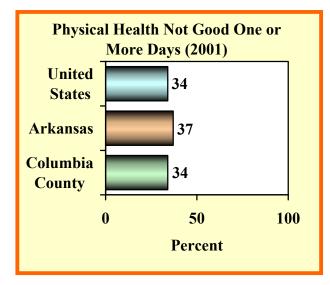
BRFSS Data for Columbia County, Arkansas, and United States Compared

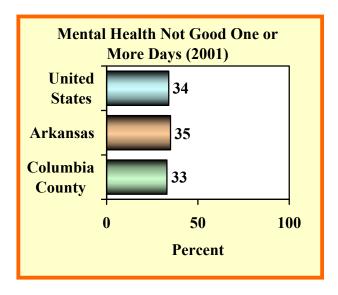
How Does Columbia County Compare?

In order to determine Columbia County's adults' health strengths and weaknesses, its Adult Health Survey data were compared to the most recent data available for Arkansas and the U.S.; 2001 and 2002 BRFSS.

Health Status



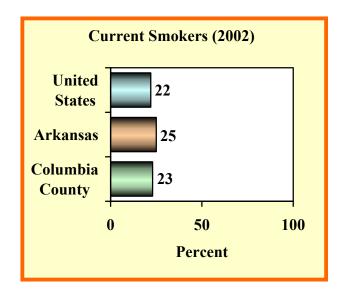


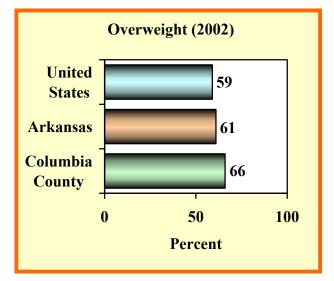


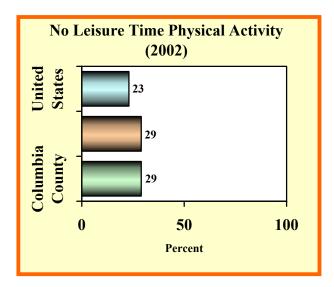
Columbia County adults were more likely than those in Arkansas and the US to report general health to be "fair" or "poor" and physical health "not good" on one or more days during the past thirty days.

However, Columbia County adults were less likely than adults in Arkansas and the US to report mental health to be "not good" on one or more days during the past thirty days.

Health Habits



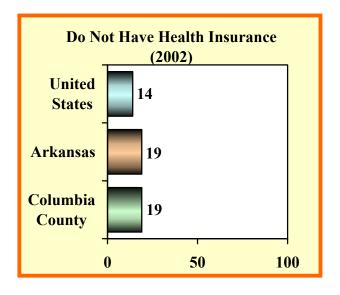




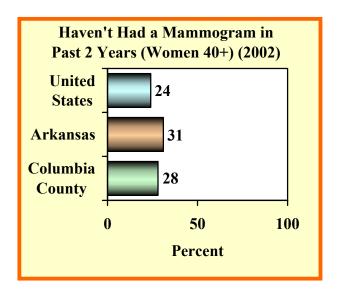
Compared to adults in the state overall,
Columbia County adults were **less likely** to be
smokers, **more likely** to be overweight, and **just as likely** to not participate in leisure time
physical activity.

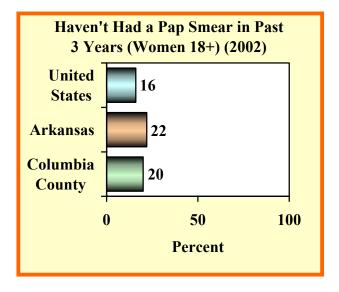
For all three health habits, both Columbia County and Arkansas were 3-6 percentage points worse off than the U.S.

Health Care Access and Routine Health Screenings



Women in Columbia County were **about as likely** as all women in Arkansas to not have health insurance and to have not had a mammogram in the past two years or a pap smear in the past three years. These results were **worse** than those for women in the U.S.





Appendix

Columbia County Adult Health Survey Questions

The following questions were administered as part of the Hometown Health County Adult Health Survey. The interviews were conducted by telephone. Interested parties can obtain a complete copy of the script used to conduct the interview from their local Hometown Health leaders.

Section 1: Health Status

- 1.1. Would you say that in general your health is excellent, very good, good, fair or poor?
- 1.2. Now thinking about your physical health, which includes physical illness and injury, for how many days during the past 30 days was your physical health not good?
- 1.3 Now thinking about your mental health, which includes stress, depression, and problems with emotions, for how many days during the past 30 days was your mental health not good?
- 1.4. During the past 30 days, for about how many days did poor physical or mental health keep you from doing your usual activities, such as self-care, work, or recreation?

Section 2: Health Care Access

- 2.1. Do you have any kind of health care coverage, including health insurance, prepaid plans such as HMOs, or government plans such as Medicare?
- 2.2 What type of health care coverage do you use to pay for most of your medical care?
- 2.3. There are some types of coverage you may not have considered. Please tell me if you have any of the following (list of insurance plans).

Section 3: Exercise

During the past 30 days, other than your regular job, did you participate in any physical activities or exercise such as running, calisthenics, golf, gardening, or walking for exercise?

Section 4: Hypertension Awareness

- 4.1. Have you ever been told by a doctor, nurse, or other health professional that you have high blood pressure.
- 4.2. Are you currently taking medicine for your high blood pressure?

Section 5: Cholesterol Awareness

- 5.1 Have you ever had your blood cholesterol checked?
- 5.2 About How long has it been since you had your blood cholesterol checked?
- Have you ever been told by a doctor, nurse, or other health professional; that your blood cholesterol is high?

Section 6: Asthma

- 6.1 Did a doctor ever tell you that you had asthma?
- 6.2 Do you still have asthma?

Section 7: Diabetes

7.1. Have you ever been told by a doctor that you have diabetes?

Section 8: Arthritis

- 8.1. During the past 12 months, have you had pain, aching, stiffness or swelling in or around a joint
- 8.2. Were these symptoms present on most days for at least one month?
- 8.3. Are you now limited in any way in any activities because of joint symptoms?
- 8.4. Have you ever seen a doctor, nurse, or other health professional for these joint symptoms?
- 8.5. Have you ever been told by a doctor that you have arthritis?
- 8.6. Are you currently being treated by a doctor for arthritis?

Section 9: Immunization

- 9.1. During the past 12 months, have you had a flu shot?
- 9.2. Have you ever had a pneumonia shot?

Section 10: Tobacco Use

- 10.1. Have you smoked at least 100 cigarettes in your entire life?
- 10.2. Do you now smoke cigarettes everyday, some days, or not at all?
- 10.3. On the average, about how many cigarettes a day do you now smoke?

Section 11: Alcohol Consumption

- 11.1 A drink is 1 can or bottle of beer, 1 glass of wine, 1 can or bottle of wine cooler, 1 cocktail, or shot of liquor. During the past 30 days, how often have you had at least one drink of any alcoholic beverage?
- 11.2 On the days when you drank, about how many drinks did you drink on the Average?
- 11.3 Considering all types of alcoholic beverages, how many times during the past 30 days did you have 5 or more drinks on a occasion?

Section 12: Firearms

12.1. Are any firearms now kept in or around your home? Include those kept in a garage, outdoor storage area, car, truck, or other motor vehicle.

Section 13: Demographics

- 13.1. What is your age?
- 13.2. Are you Hispanic or Latino?
- 13.3. Which one or more of the following would you say is your race?
- 13.4. Which one of these groups best represent your race?
- 13.5. Are you married, divorced, widowed, separated, never been married, or a member of an unmarried couple?
- 13.6. How many children less than 18 years of age live in your household?
- 13.7. What is the highest grade or year of school you completed?
- 13.8. What is your current employment status?
- 13.9. What is your annual household income from all sources?
- 13.10. About how much do you weigh without shoes?
- 13.11. About how tall are you without shoes?
- 13.12. What is your ZIP Code?
- 13.13. Do you have more than one telephone number in your household?
- 13.14. How many residential telephone numbers do you have?
- 13.15a. Has your regular home telephone service been disconnected in the last 12 months?
- 13.15b. In the past 12 months, about how many months in total were you without a working home telephone? (Do not count cell phones)
- 13.16. Indicate sex of respondent. (Ask Only if Necessary)

Section 14: Disability

- 14.1. Are you limited in any way in any activities because of physical, mental, or emotional problems?
- Do you now have any health problem that requires you to use special equipment, such as a cane, a wheelchair, a special bed, or a special telephone?

Section 15: Physical Activity

- 15.1. When you are at work, which of the following best describes what you do?
- 15.2. Now thinking about the moderate physical activities you do (when you are not working) if "employed" or "self-employed" in a usual week, do you do moderate activities for at least 10 minutes at a time, such as brisk walking, bicycling, vacuuming, gardening, or anything else that causes small increases in breathing or heart rate?
- 15.3. How many days per week do you do these moderate activities for at least 10 minutes at a time?
- 15.4. On days when you do moderate activities for at least 10 minutes at a time, how much total time per day do you spend doing these activities?
- 15.5. Now thinking about the vigorous physical activities you do (when you are not working) if "employed" or "self-employed" in a usual week, do you do vigorous activities for at least 10 minutes at a time, such as running, aerobics, heavy yard work, or anything else that causes large increases in breathing or heart rate?
- 15.6. How many days per week do you do these vigorous activities for at least 10 minutes at a time?
- 15.7. On days when you do vigorous activities for at least 10 minutes at a time, how much total time per day do you spend doing these activities?

Section 16: Prostate Cancer Screening

- 16.1. A Prostate Specific Antigen test, also called a PSA test, is a blood test used to check men for prostate cancer. Have you ever had a PSA test?
- 16.2. How long has it been since you had your last PSA test?
- 16.3. A digital rectal exam in which a doctor, nurse, or other health professional places a gloved finger into the rectum to feel the size, shape, and hardness of the prostate gland. Have you ever had a digital rectal exam?
- 16.4. How long has it been since you had your last digital rectal exam?
- 16.5. Have you ever been told by a doctor, nurse, or other health professional that you had prostate cancer?
- 16.6. Has your father, brother, son, or grandfather ever been told by a doctor, nurse, or health professional that he had prostate cancer?

Section 17: Colorectal Cancer Screening

- 17.1 A blood stool test is a test that may use a special kit at home to determine whether stool contains blood. Have you ever had this test using a home kit?
- 17.2 How long has it been since you had your last blood stool test using a home kit?
- 17.3 Sigmoidoscopy and colonoscopy are exams in which a tube is inserted in the rectum to view the bowel for signs of cancer or other problems. Have you ever had these exams?
- 17.4 How long has it been since you had your last Sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy?

Section 18: HIV/AIDS

- 18.1 A pregnant woman with HIV can get treatment to help reduce the chances that she will pass the virus on to her baby. (True/False)?
- 18.2 There are medical treatments available that are intended to help a person who is infected with HIV to live longer. (True/False)?
- 18.3 How effective do you think these treatments are helping persons with HIV to live longer?
- 18.4 How important do you think it is for people to know their HIV status by getting tested?
- 18.5 As far as you know, have you ever been tested for HIV? Do not count tests you may have had as part of a blood donation.
- 18.6 Not including blood donations, in what month and year was your last HIV test?
- 18.7 What was the main reason you had your last test for HIV?
- 18.8 Where did you have the HIV test in...?
- 18.9 In the past 12 months has a doctor, nurse, or other health professional talked to you about preventing sexually transmitted diseases through condom use?

County Selected Modules

Module 5: Women's Health

- 1. What types of things can women do to help in the early detection of breast cancer?
- 2. Is there anything else women can do to help in the early detection of breast cancer?
- 3. A mammogram is an x-ray of each breast to look for breast cancer. Have you ever had a mammogram?
- 4. What is the most important reason why you haven't had a mammogram?
- 5. Are there any other reasons why you haven't had a mammogram?
- 6. How long has it been since you had your last mammogram?
- 7. What is the most important reason why you haven't had a mammogram in the past two years?
- 8. Are there any other reasons why you haven't had a mammogram in the past two years?
- 9. Was your last mammogram done as part of a routine checkup, because of a breast problem, or because you've already had breast cancer?
- 10. In the past month, have you noticed any posters, billboards, commercials or advertisements with a message about having a mammogram test?
- 11. Are you aware that the health department offers free to low cost breast exams and mammograms?
- 12. How often do you believe women your age should get a mammogram?
- 13. Did a doctor suggest that you have your most recent mammogram?
- 14. Have you ever had breast cancer?
- 15. Do you think your risk of getting breast cancer is high, medium, low, or none?
- 16. If you wanted to have a mammogram, would you have to pay for all, part or none of the cost?
- 17. How difficult would it be for you to pay for the cost of the mammogram test? Would you say very difficult, somewhat difficult, a little difficult or not at all difficult?
- 18. Have you ever had a clinical breast exam?
- 19. How long has it been since your last breast exam?
- 20. Was your last breast exam done as part of a routine checkup, because of a breast problem other than cancer, or because you've already had breast cancer?
- 21. A Pap smear is a test for cancer of the cervix. Have you ever had a Pap smear?
- 22. How long has it been since you had your last Pap smear?

- 23. Was your last Pap smear done as part of a routine exam, or to check a current or previous problem?
- 24. Have you had a hysterectomy?

Module 13: Tobacco Indicators

- 1. How old were you the first time you smoked a cigarette, even one or two puffs?
- 2. How old were you when you first started smoking cigarettes regularly?
- 3. About how long has it been since you last smoked cigarettes regularly?
- 4. In the past 12 months, have you seen a doctor, nurse, or other health professional to get any kind of care for yourself?
- 5. In the past 12 months, has a doctor, nurse, or other health professional advised you to quit smoking?
- 6. Which statement best describes the rules about smoking inside your home?
- 7. While working at your job, are you indoors most of the time?
- 8. Which of the following best describes your place of work's official smoking policy for indoor public or common areas, such as lobbies, rest rooms, and lunchrooms?
- 9. Which of the following best describes your place of work's official smoking policy for work areas?

Module 14: Other Tobacco Products

- 1. Have you ever used or tried any smokeless tobacco products such as chewing tobacco or snuff?
- 2. Do you currently use chewing tobacco or snuff everyday, some days, or not at all?
- 3. Have you ever smoked a cigar, even one or two puffs?
- 4. Do you now smoke cigars everyday, some days, or not at all?
- 5. Have you ever smoked tobacco in a pipe, even one or two puffs?
- 6. Do you now smoke a pipe everyday, some days, or not at all?
- 7. A bidi is a flavored cigarette from India, Have you ever smoked a bidi, even one or two puffs?
- 8. Do you now smoke bidis everyday, some days, or not at all?

-End of Survey-